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TO: All Individuals and Groups Interested in the Activities of the Commission on Teacher Credentialing

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SUBJECT: The Examination Alternatives for the Administrative Services Credential (SB 1655)

The passage of Senate Bill 1655 (Scott), effective August 16, 2002, establishes alternative methods for satisfying both the preliminary and professional clear levels of the Administrative Services Credential, including examination alternatives. The School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) has been selected as the preliminary Administrative Services examination alternative. The Commission is currently researching national administrator performance assessments that may be appropriate for the professional clear Administrative Services Credential.

The California minimum passing score for the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA) is 173. Passing scores may be used toward certification for up to five years from the test date. This six-hour written assessment, administered by Educational Testing Service (ETS) three times each year, will next be given on June 28, 2003. Test sites for the June administration are tentatively scheduled for Berkeley, Chico, Fresno, Los Angeles, Riverside, and San Diego. SLLA registration and other information may be found at <http://www.ets.org/sls>.

The academic requirements for the preliminary Administrative Services Credential using the examination alternative are the following:

1. Possession of a valid prerequisite teaching or services credential;
2. A minimum of three years of successful, full-time service in the public schools or private schools of equivalent status;
3. Passage of the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST);
4. Passage of the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA); and
5. Verification of an offer of employment in an administrative position. (An individual who has completed requirements 1-4 above but does not yet have an offer of employment may apply for a Certificate of Eligibility.)

There are additional options available for obtaining the preliminary Administrative Services Credential as well as options for earning the professional clear Administrative Services Credential. This information may be found in *Implementation of Changes in Requirements for Earning Administrative Services Credentials Pursuant to SB 1655 (Scott) Chapter 225 of the Statutes of 2002*, Coded Correspondence 03-0002 of January 29, 2003, located at <http://www.ctc.ca.gov/codcor.doc/030002/030002.html>.